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**ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC ENDLESS BELT, PROCESS CARTRIDGE,
AND ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC APPARATUS**

5 **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to an electrophotographic endless belt, and also relates to a process cartridge and an electrophotographic apparatus which have an electrophotographic endless belt.

10 **Related Background Art**

Besides rigid-body, drum-shaped members, flexible endless-belt-shaped members (electrophotographic endless belts) are conventionally used in intermediate transfer members, electrophotographic photosensitive members, transfer-transport members, fixing members and so forth used in electrophotographic apparatus, such as copying machines and laser beam
15 printers.

Usually, in an electrophotographic apparatus, an electrophotographic endless belt is stretched over, and supported on, at least two rollers (stretch-over rollers) disposed on its inner- periphery side and is rotatingly driven under the application of any desired tension when used.

20 However, because of frequently possible slight errors or scattering in the diameter, deflection, rotating-shaft straightness and roller-to-roller parallelism of the stretch-over rollers stretchedly supporting the electrophotographic endless belt, it is difficult to prevent the electrophotographic endless belt from meandering from side to side during its rotating drive.